## **BATTLES NOW RAGING IN MANY REGIONS** BELIEVED START OF GENERAL OFFENSIVES WHICH MAY GO FAR IN DECIDING WAR

EARL OF DERBY. recruiting scheme has brough

the married men of England.

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Situation Confronting Central Powers More Difficult Than at Any Time Yet.

## RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE OF DETERMINED CHARACTER

Great Losses Suffered by Slavs in Double Effort Against Germans and Austrians.

### BY OLIVER OWEN KUHN.

have been intrenched during unable winter months, awaiting favorable conditions to renew drive into the heart of Russia, e the Verdun attack began Field all von Hindenberg is declared to urged the kaiser to strike the ans before they were again able inpletely recover from their period pression and disorganization imtely following the retreats of last which permitted the invading y to score success, as overruled, however, and in the verruled, however, and in the the Russians have carried

sampaign through their frightful and their method of attack countless losses, the assumption fou

Driester river on the southernmost section of the eastern front. The chief fighting of the week has been going on in the regions about Czerrowitz, the capital of Bahowins, which, according to reports from Rome, already has fallen. No official mention of this has been made from either Petrograd or Berlin, even though the Eussians have admitted y seized the key to this region, the bridgenead position has been going on during the entered winter, although at times being of the battle area, while been superseded by the reserves to the lattle area, while British forces and avia-ors have been going on during the entered winter, although at times being of the battle area, while been emission of the Vaux-Dambour of the mass unged that they hold firm against the enemy, that the German purpose may be frustrated and victory achieved.

The French have summoned great numbers of reserves to the lattle area, while British forces and avia-ors have been poing on during the entered with the being of the fact that the French claim to be well fitted and thoroughly able to handle the stratation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the stratation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans scale to prevent the estimation presenting itself at Verdun, the Germans capture of 2,500 prison-term and the counter scale back. Germans recapture some trench seak. Germans recapture som indicates that large forces have embled, as the main Austran the leen massed to prevent the the Eukowima capital, the loss would have a wonderful into the future netterines of Eucheth already, according to discrete the already, according to discrete the already, according to discrete the future netterines of Eucheth already, according to discrete the future and their present positions, gained at such fearful cost. Determined French attacks at Vaux and Fort Douaumont and in the region of Dead Man's Hill proved futile during the week, even though great masses of men were hurled forward after prolonged artillery preparation. if of the allies, has been considerable elation in forwar ration

There has been considerable elation in allied enpitals over the present beligerent record of the Rumanian government. Enriving January it was unofficially reported that the Rumanian people would be fighting on the ride of the allies some time during the month of March. It hardly is conceivable that this little nation will act within the next few days, but when weather conditions become more propilities it would surprise neither the allies of or even the central powers to find.

The political situation in both England and Germany continues to be the center of much weather conditions become more propilities Still interest. The politics Still interest. The Center of Interest.

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To de-nair mines from the Verdun-Paris ration.

Germane fighting at Haute Chevan-chee.

Heavy artillery actions prevail over whole front.

WEDNESDAY.

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ready are centering their fire on Chan-

Bulgars Must Deal their allies it being manifestly impossible for Austria to do more in a military way than she is at present, she being busily engaged on the Italian and Russian battle lines and in Albania, it is expected that the open discussion of submarine activities—the crux between the so-called "terrorists" and "conservatives" the Bulgarians will, in conjunction with the Turks, be assigned to the task of subdang the Rumanians should they enter the conflict. Already large forces of Bulgarians have been detached from the Saloniki front to the Rumanian border, where they will be in section. garians have been detached from the Sa-louiki front to the Rumanian border, where they will be in position to strike at any moment. Turkish forces have been largely requisitioned to take the place of the Bulgars where they are most needed. There has been a general realignment of Teutons and their allies along the Sa-



KAISER'S CHANCELLOR CONTROLS POLITICS

at Verdun, While French

Attacks Fail.

Von Tirpitz Resignation Plainly Reveals Sharp Cleavage-Peace Still Seems Remote.

scarred by many internal strifes, is to again be the victim of discord. David Lloyd George favors universal compulsion, Premier Asquith does not. An open break between these men and their followers is expected at any time. The whole recruiting issue in England is far from settled and grows more complex every passing day owing to the determined opposition of the married men to enlistment before the single ones have responded to the colors. gle ones have responded to the colors.

Much interest is attached to the world Paris Its deci

Peace Believed to Be Still Far Off. time being veiled from the public, but it is believed that the allies have formulated plans t Russians in their campaign press the war to an early constituent to the belligerents desire to victors men holding the at-1 Neither of the belligerents desire to confine the conflict longer than absorbed to the conflict longer than a t two places on the eastern line, lutely necessary, and it is believed the preventing the removal of more representatives of the entente nations have drafted schemes by which the

ing the week, but it can be safely sur-mised that these, as those that have gone before them, have no foundation present time is the most trying the central powers have had to face in the past year. Only almost superhuman efforts will enable them to effectually surmount the difficulties faced and continue to the difficulties faced and continue to dominate the trend of affairs. The Teutorns have been, comparatively steaking, masters of the situation on practically every front since the war started. Events for Great Britain, declares that there would indicate that there is to be a turn with the opening of spring unless the mighty military machine wrought by the fatherland once more proves itself invincible.

Germany is more desirous of seizing Verdun than achieving success in any Verdun than achieving success in any other arena for the time being.

The pick of the war to offset the great cost of the war to her. This is not conjecture, but the reiterated statement of high government officials in Berlin. The alless know this, and, in addition to being determined to forever crushed and the fourier popularity of the pecting results. It may be safely said that the future popularity of the crown prince depends on the successful achievement of the present effort, started as it was against the advice of some of the wisest generals in the dispatches from dispatches from Berlin, which declare that the Russian offensive movements have in the main been repulsed and the Slavs have suffered tremendous losses in dead and wounded.

That the Russians are determined to that the future popularity of the crown prince depends on the successful achievement of the present effort, started as it was against the advice of some of the wisest generals in the German army.

As time goes on there are no signs that the Germans intend to let up in their effort in the Verdun section. And, as the great struggle in which more than a million men are engaged progresses, the Germans continue to

but Germany from the pale of world in-

Allies Desire to ades, and this Cripple Enemy. in present preparations to extend and perpetuate allied under the city itself-if it can commercial supremacy at the close of

Germans recapture some trench sec. Athens hears Rumania soon will IS DENIED U. S. CITIZENSHIP. tions from British in region of Ver- abandon her neutrality. Rumania

Small but sharp engagements coupled with heavy artillery action, reported over practically whole front TUESDAY. Berlin claims to be within two and

-half miles from the Verdun-Paris

THURSDAY. The inlitary activities of the Rumanian people have not gone unnoticed by the central powers or Bulgars Must Deal their alies it has regions of Bethinco Homme and Cumieres.

> FRIDAY. French repulse Germans in the Vauquois district. French continue heavy bombardment of German positions in the woods o Malancourt and Avocourt. Heavy artillery actions continue or all sides of Verdun.

> > NEAR-EAST ARENA.

Chronological Events.

SUNDAY. Russ torpedo boats sink enemy KNOWN AS "THE DEVIL OF METZ."



ALTHOUGH HE IS EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE, GEN. VON HAESELER IS STILL ACTIVE.

Constantinople reports defeat for British forces north of Sheik Hosman.

Rossians advance several versts west-ward on the Black sea coast loward Frebizond. WEDNESDAY. Turkish evacuation of Erzinjan, 129

iles west of Erzerum, is reported. THURSDAY. Russians report continued harassin of the fleeing Turks.

FRIDAY

## AUSTRO-ITALIAN ARENA.

Chronological Events.

Austrians fire enemy position Italians forced from trench near Be-

Vienna reports repulse of attacks against Mizliveh and Kru. Austrians take enemy position near

Salonik!

relles.
French shell Teuton trenches north
f Rheims.
Germans fail in attacks on Pepper
ill, north of Verdum.
Berlin reports require of French power
Premier Radoslavoff attacked on but escapes shots

troops reported to have withdrawn at request of Greek general.

THESDAY. Austrian fliers bombard Avlona. French reported to have driven back Bulgar-German outposts north and east of Matchukovo. Occupation of vil-lage by French also claimed.

WEDNESDAY. Austrians continue operations again

THURSDAY

ens near Giavgili FRIDAY

### EASTERN ARENA.

Chronological Events.

sians in the Lake Narocz section. Slavs report repulse of Russians near

Medziany and south of Everecz. west of Zale Szczyky

by Court to Be Ineligible.

# Japanese Applicant in Honolula Held

assassin, Japanese, in a test case here today.

FIGURES IN DRAMATIC INCIDENT IN SERBIA.

# RECITES THE WOES OF SERB REFUGEES

nose!
"Mr. Grouitch then attacked him from another side—spoke of the gratitude of all the people who were waiting alongside the ship and whom a word of his side that a waiting the exating the side."

side the ship and whom a word of his could save—meantime, the gratitude of the government of the whole Serbian nation. At that he threw both arms in the air and gave in, shouting that we could take as many people as we wanted, even if the ship should sink under the load.

Took 800 More on Board.

ere on four occasions visited by sev ral enemy aeroplanes, which threw :

bombs, but could not approach be

big flame illuminating everything around us. I saw it all and was nearly

Their Arrival at Brindisi.

"However we soon heard that it was

only an aeroplane and that it had gone.

Slav at Brindisi Tells of Conditions in Letter to Wife.

MANY DIFFICULTIES IN FLIGHT FROM HOME

Ship Purposely Overcrowded When the Austrians Were Within 25 Kilometers of Scutari.

cause our guns were firing at them. It was very interesting and exciting at first, but afterward we got quite used to it. Each time that an aeropiane was sighted a bugle blazed a signal and then—that was a sight—the crowd on shore scattered away, climbing like hares before hounds. But the biggest excitement was inst when we were hares before hounds. But the biggest excitement was just when we were sailing. It was quite dramatic. In the beautiful moonlight just as we had finished lifting the anchor and were underway in the stillness of the night there were suddenly six terrific reports, six shells had fallen in quick succession in the water, two on one side of the ship, two in front, two on the other side, quite near, raising enormous columns of smoke and water and with a big flame illuminating everything around us. I saw it all and was nearly which has been used to sum

which I have received undabout sources, will tell to have all gone through ticate to you the steadast which we look to the fudine. Groutteh, refresher to the forth the transfer of the beats and with rifles ready to shoot expely out of it some men, while they were shouting the well known command: Women and children

ture," said Mme. Groultch.

"The letter throws a vivid light on
the exodus of the rerugees and the
desperate efforts that had to be made
by Slavko Groultch, the government's
delegate, before they could be transshipped from Albania through Italy to

## When They Left Scutari.

at Scutari. Then, things developed suddenly in such a way that Scutari was no longer "healthy" for the government. They had to leave in a great hurry for Medua, where it was so difficult for them to get aboard the only available steamer for Brindisi, owing to the rough weather, that they left every piece of luggage on shore. M. Pachitch came only with the clothes he had on him; so did all the other ministers. Worst of all, crowds of refugees had been begging to be taken away, some of them kneeling, holding on to M. Pachitch's coat—and were left behind! The only ones who did get on board were the members of the government, some officials and two hundred selected people."

To do.

The doctor wanted to examine every one one by one—and it took him an hour to convince him self that it was impossible. After much taking and discussion they remember-to the took at Hill above taking and discussion they remember-to the took at Hill above taking and discussion they remember-to the took a bank, a little above the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the hospital is a one-tour was of the main road, the main road, the hospital betweet to ske main road the government home. The main road, the hospital betweet the main road, the hospital betweet the main road, the hospital betweet the main road, the hospital betwe

been no food on board the Steamer, and irriment, some officials and two had selected people."

If it had not been for Mr. Bosanquet, Miss Simmonds and Mrs. Hawes, who bought all the bread that there was ded round Mr. Grouitch, who was in the city, they would have retired for time them, with the cry. "Save the night without supper."

the people who have been left behind. We must have ships to bring out the rest of the refugees. Try to get one, to hire one, to buy one. We will pay any price. They then left for Corfu and their delegate, meanwhile, was left to do what he could.

This task was not easy, but after a great deal of parley with the Italian naval officials, consent was given for two ships to be sent to Medua, to bring a way the poor stranded Serbians, of whom I was one. Mr. Groutch decided to travel on one of these ships himself, in order to see that as many people as possible were taken on board, because on previous occasions not a ship, the Armenie, to take the passental stages the inside of the ey through constant inflammation covered with granulations which the right through constant inflammation covered with granulations which the treat that scars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that the cornea to such an tent that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that the cornea to such an tent that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that the cornea to such an tent that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that cars are formed there, he ing to eventual blindness. The treat that had been left behind were ordered to walk to Durazzo, and it was to this come willingly enough, others need to walk to Durazzo, as he said she was too big a ship for that port. Accordingly, it was arranged to send there a French that cars are formed there, he in that cars are formed there, he in

The distribution to extend and personant continue the formation of the first time of

It is learned that they are by no means hopelessly scattered. The wives and families of the officers are for the with stagnant, unchanged water, where most part now living in Athens, which is regarded as the nearest safe point to ablutions. Saloniki's possible firing line meanwhile, in France, whither the rest of the refugees have been sent, a moveof the refugees have been sent, a movement has been successfully set on foot
by Mme. Slavko Grouitch, the object of
which is to keep the national identity
of the Serbian people intact, strangers
in a strange land though they be. Under the title of "La Nation Serbe en
France" a committee has been formed
in Paris expressly to weld the Serbian
refugees together.

are dirty blankets on which sore eyex
are wiped. Let a patient, cured on the
operating table at the hospital, go back
to such surroundings and it will not
be long before he is again riding up
to the clinic.

"It is a hopeful sign to see the refugees together.
One of the first good offices to which standard of living in town houses near

Subsequent Fate of Refugees.

One of the first good offices to which this committee has applied itself has been the placing of 12,000 Serbian students in French schools so that there may be as little break as possible in their educational curricula and special classes in the Serbian language are being conducted for their benefit. The name and present address of every Serbian arriving in France are also entered in a national directory in order that the different refugees may quickly get in touch with relatives and friends. Here, then, are the first steps whereby it is hoped that every Serbian refugee will be able to live up to and, eventually, to realize the truth of their proud motto: "Serbia for the Serbs."

# **BLINDNESS CAUSED** BY COMMON TOWEL

Public Health Service Fighting Trachoma Among Southern Mountain People.

## CALLED BLIGHTING CURSE TO PEOPLE OF THE HILLS

Three Hospitals in Eastern Kentucky Proving of Great Benefit in That Section, However.

the banks of Troublesome creek, which

by the indiscriminate title of 'sore eyes' or 'cat tracks.' With a primitive

### Federal Authorities Summoned.

eriousness of the disease was com-

We continued our journey and arrived all in good health in Brindisi. Here no ficials. Though ostensibly a burden measures whatever had been taken to for the state to shoulder, it had as "You will recall that in the middle of last month—January," says the writter, "the Serbian army had retreated so far into Albania that the government to do.

The first haddwarters of last month—January, says the writter, and food for the relieve provide shelter and food for the relieve part of last month—January, says the writter, and not been facilities could deal with it effectively. "To this end Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen of the United States to do.

willingly enough, others need

Knott county for suspects. Behind

the American Red Cross—good old prefect to hurry as much as possible the embarkation of the people from the shore to the barks, and he then went on board the larger ship to hurry the embarking there.

Hundreds Left at Dock,

"When the ship got so full that it was is evident that there were at least 700"

The American Red Cross—good old Ryan, who did such wonderful work at the prime of life with hats pulled the prime of life with hat pulled the prime of life with hat the prime of life with life in the prime of life with hat the prime of life with hat the prime

by Court to Be Ineligible.

HONOLULU, March 25.—American citizate ship was denied to Takao Ozawa, a Japanese, in a test case here today.
The court ruled that Japanese are Monistria and that the word "white" does not include the Mongolian race.

DRAMATIC INCIDENT IN SERBIA.

"When the ship got so full that it was splendid?"
And now I must close, though there are still many things I would like to tell you. There has been enough material to write a book. Besides what I saw and heard myself, I collected some and heard myself, I collected s

Subsequent Fate of Refugees.

As a postscript to the letter The Star has obtained from one fully conversant with the facts a brief history of the subsequent fate of the refugees. It is learned that they are by no weeks or more the result is not hard.

## Wipe Eyes on Dirty Blankets.

"On the beds, built for three or four,

KING PETER OF SERBIA LEAVING THE CAR IN WHICH THE FINAL COUNCIL ON THE SERBIAN FRONTIER WAR HELD. IT WAS AT THIS CONFERENCE THAT THE KING AND HIS MINISTER DECIDED THAT A FURTHER STAND ON THE PART OF THE HARD-PRESSED SERBIAN ARMY WOULD BE USELESS. SUP-PORTING THE KING ON THE RIGHT IS THE SERBIAN CHIEF OF STAFF.